

Burghfield Parish Design Statement

Consultation Responses

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| Thames Water | <p>Thames Water is the statutory water and sewerage undertaker for the West Berkshire District and as such is responsible for the public water and sewerage systems.</p> <p>As with other West Berkshire Village and Parish Design Statements we have commented on we consider that there should be a section on 'Infrastructure and Utilities' in the Design Statement. This should make reference to the following:</p> <p>Thames Water should be consulted on all matters relating to the public mains water and public sewerage systems.</p> <p>Thames Water must also be consulted regarding proposals involving building over or close to a public sewer. If building over or close to a public sewer is agreed by Thames Water it will need to be regulated by an Agreement in order to protect the public sewer and/or apparatus in question. It may be possible for public sewers or water mains to be moved at a developer's request so as to accommodate development in accordance with Section 185 of the Water Act 1989.</p> <p>Regarding the tree planting strategy, Thames Water recognises the environmental benefits of trees and encourages the planting of them. However, the indiscriminate planting of trees and shrubs can cause serious damage to the public sewerage system. In order for these public sewers to operate satisfactorily trees and shrubs should not be planted over the route of the sewers.</p> | These comments are noted but no changes are proposed to the Design Statement. |
| CPRE | <p>The document gives good coverage - sections on Landscape, Biodiversity are excellent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A larger map of the area is needed, possibly a double A4 foldout so that people can match text to map easily. - Do the 3 Burghfield areas not have settlement boundaries? Any should be marked on the map. - There is no list of Listed Buildings - surely there are some? They add to context and character. In 1967 the District, following Min. Ho. & Local Govt proposals, listed the following for consideration: | <p>These comments are noted and minor changes have been made in response.</p> <p>With regard to the size of the map, more detailed maps of each settlement are set out within the Appendices. Settlement boundaries are defined within the Local Plan Proposals Maps.</p> |

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| | <p>Woolwich Green Farm, Hosehill Farm, The Old Rectory, Hatch Farm, Amner's Farm, Kirton's Farm, Knight's Farm. And what about the Church, Pubs and Manor Houses?</p> <p>- p12 - 4.2 Doors - you might encourage provision of external letter boxes. Many modern door units are lethal finger traps and should be banned for H&S reasons!</p> <p>- p15 Street Scene - first bullet - suggest: ... and of Full Canopy type so as to minimise light pollution as should external house lighting be.</p> <p>- Some pictures could be bigger, perhaps twice the size, to be effective.</p> <p>- A single column format wrapping around pictures, as in some other Design Statements, might be considered</p> <p>- The text Font size is too small for a final document for easy reading, particularly for older people.</p> <p>- Some editing of text is required - punctuation, missing words etc. p11 different words are used instead of the proper name Footways for paths alongside roads, but a marked copy will be sent to the author.</p> | <p>A schedule of Listed Buildings has been added as an Appendix.</p> <p>The presentation of the final Design Statement will be carried out by the Parish Council, and these comments will be passed on to the Parish Council to incorporate as appropriate.</p> |
| BBOWT | <p>2.4 Biodiversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Wildlife Sites: Wildlife Heritage Sites are now called Local Wildlife Sites in Berkshire (see www.berksbap.org/local-sites-selection-panel). These are non-statutory designations. • BBOWT nature reserve: In the section about Kennet Valley please include that Burghfield Mill Island is a nature reserve owned and managed by the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxon Wildlife Trust. However, please note that there is very limited access to the site. • Biodiversity Opportunity Areas: Areas of the Parish are within Biodiversity Opportunity Areas (Kennet Valley East BOA and the Burghfield to Tadley plateau BOA). These are landscape scale areas of opportunity for biodiversity (for further information about BOAs please visit: www.berksbap.org/BOAs). I have enclosed a map outlining these BOAs and would encourage you to include it in your plan (BOAs within West Berkshire have been included within West Berkshire's Proposed Submission Core Strategy). • Hedgerows: Hedgerows are an integral part of the English landscape. Many have been in place for hundreds of years and they represent valuable landscape and nature conservation features. Existing hedgerows within the Parish should be retained and traditional methods of management (i.e. hedgelaying) encouraged. | <p>These comments are noted. Details have been added regarding the Biodiversity comments, a new guideline as suggested and the Useful Links.</p> |

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| | <p>5. Planning & Development Guidelines In each new development opportunities for biodiversity enhancements should be recommended. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The planting of native species in the landscaping of new developments. • Bird and bat boxes can be incorporated into new buildings. <p>6. Useful link I recommend that the following links are included in the plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust: www.bbowt.org.uk • Berkshire Nature Conservation Forum: www.berksbap.org • Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre: www.tverc.org | |
| WBC Archaeological Officer | <p>Many thanks for the opportunity to comment on this draft Design Statement. The following comments are intended as a positive contribution and I would be more than happy to help the community if they want to take any of these issues forward.</p> <p>General comments -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I note that there are no Conservation Areas in the parish, but there is no discussion about the potential to consider Conservation Area designation. • There are no references to the Listed Buildings of the parish. • There are no references to any locally important heritage assets, buildings, monuments, features, etc, that the local community would want to see protected. • I was surprised that the contribution of the Kennet and Avon Canal to the character of the area, especially Burghfield Bridge, wasn't given more prominence. <p>Specific Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.1 - I very much welcome the clear statement about the historic evolution of the community. • 1.3 - 4. - I wondered if this statement is actually realistic, is it possible for the Design Statement to provide a single source of information? If this really is the intention then it will require a lot more work and regular updating. • 1.5 - 3rd para. - There is actually very good evidence for human settlement in the parish from earlier Prehistoric times, not just Roman. Some of the best evidence in the district of human activity for the Neolithic and Bronze Ages has been found in Burghfield, revealed through investigation on the extensive gravel extraction sites. • 2. - There is no mention in this section of the historic landscape character, and the | <p>These comments are noted and some additions have been made as appropriate.</p> <p>Within the general comments section, the designation of Conservation Areas is not within the remit of a Village/Parish Design Statement. Also, with regard to listed buildings a schedule of Listed Buildings has been added within the Appendices.</p> <p>These comments, along with contact details, have been passed onto the Parish Council to follow up as appropriate.</p> |

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| | <p>historical processes that have shaped the current landscape.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.2 - I was surprised that the plateau and river gravels, and the processes that formed the current Kennet Valley aren't mentioned. These are actually very important in understanding the character of the area. • 3.1, 3.2 & 3.3 - I think it would be useful if these could be expanded a little, to allow a more detailed picture of their character to emerge, showing in what ways they differ from each other and providing more evidence for the policy approach that follows. • 5. - I would have liked to have seen something in this section on the Parishes heritage, something that sought to protect important historic buildings, monuments and features of archaeological interest, etc. <p>I should make it clear that a lot of the information to resolve these issues is publicly available and I would be more than happy to assist in obtaining this if that would be helpful. The West Berkshire Historic Environment Record (HER) has a lot of information that would be helpful and if the parish would like to do a search of that data set that could easily be arranged.</p> | |
| WBC Ecologist | My only comment relates to paragraph 2.4 Biodiversity. Wildlife Heritage Sites are now known as Local Wildlife Sites following Government advice. | Comments noted and amendments made accordingly. |